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TO AMEMBASSY ANKARA IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH CAGLAYANGIL

REF: (A) ANKARA 3283, (B) ANKARA 2994 (NODIS),
(C) STATE 87644

1. IF DURING YOUR NEXT CONVERSATION CAGLAYANGIL RETURNS TO HIS APRIL 16 CONCERNS, YOU SHOULD AGAIN EMPHASIZE US EVEN-HANDEDNESS TOWARD GREECE AND TURKEY IN THE AEGEAN, DRAWING ON THE THEMES MENTIONED IN YOUR INITIAL RESPONSE AND ON THE SECRETARY'S MESSAGE TO CAGLAYANGIL CONTAINED IN REF C (AS AMPLIFIED BY SUCCEEDING MESSAGES). THE BASIC POINT, OF COURSE, IS THAT THE US IS OPPOSED TO PROVOCATION IN THE AEGEAN FROM EITHER GREECE OR TURKEY AND HAS STATED THIS POSITION TO BOTH, MOST RECENTLY TO BITSIOS IN WASHINGTON ON APRIL 15.

2. WE THINK THE BITSIOS-SECRETARY EXCHANGE OF LETTERS, AS WELL AS THE SECRETARY'S REMARKS IN BRUSSELS LAST MAY, HAVE GIVEN ADEQUATE PUBLIC EXPRESSION TO THE EVEN-HANDED
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US APPROACH TO THE AEGEAN CONTROVERSY AT THIS TIME. HOW-

EVER, SHOULD CAGLAYANGIL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR A US PUBLIC
STATEMENT ALONG THE LINES INDICATED IN PARA 2(E) OF REF B,
YOU MAY TELL HIM THAT SHOULD CIRCUMSTANCES SEEM TO WARRANT,

THERE MAY BE OPPORTUNITY FOR SENIOR USG OFFICIALS TO
COMMENT ON AEGEAN SITUATION DURING CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY
ON US/TURKISH OR US/GREEK DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENTS.
THERE MAY ALSO BE OCCASION FOR SUCH REFERENCE IN CONNECTION
WITH GREEK AND TURKISH BILATERALS AT NATO MEETING IN OSLO.
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